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SHREDDED PULP TO AN OZONE REACTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the
above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following
amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute
therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the
attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-22.

11. (NEW) A method of treating pulp, comprising:

- dewatering said pulp to a fiber concentration of at
least 20%;

- shredding said dewatered pulp in a closed pulp
shredding vessel;

- transporting said shredded pulp without compression
continuously out of said pulp shredding vessel through an outlet

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